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SUBJECT: IVORY COAST DECIDES TO STIMULATE
GREATER COFFEE PRODUCTION

1. SINCE THE BRAZILIAN FROST OF 1975, THE EMBASSY HAS REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF IVORY COAST(GOIC) DID NOT INTEND TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PRODUCTION OF COFFEE. RENE AMANY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE IVORY COAST'S MARKETING BOARD(CAISSE), INFORMED E/C COUNSELOR THAT GOIC HAD NEVER THOUGHT THAT PRICE FOR ROBUSTA COFFEE WOULD RISE ABOVE TWO U.S. DOLLARS PER POUND. GOIC REGARDED FROST AND OTHER EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENA OF 1975-76 AS TEMPORARY, AND DID NOT WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO EVENTUAL SURPLUS SUPPLY CONDITIONS ONCE AGAIN.

2. PRICE FOR ROBUSTA IS NOW AROUND FOUR U.S. DOLLARS PER POUND AND ABREAST OF UNWASHED ARABICA. GOIC
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HAS DETERMINED THAT CONTINUING UNSTABLE CONDITIONS IN ANGOLA, UGANDA, AND ZAIRE PUT THE IVORY COAST IN EXCELLENT MARKETING POSITION FOR ROBUSTA FOR NEXT FEW YEARS. IT HAS THEREFORE BEGUN TO GIVE FARMERS POSITIVE INCENTIVIES TO PLANT NEW CUTTINGS BY PROVIDING THE NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT (BNDA) WITH UNDS FOR FARMERS "CREDITS AND THE SOCIETY FOR

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF
AGRICULTURE(SATMACHI) WITH FUNDS TO DISPENSE FREE
CUTTINGS, FERTILIZERS, AND INSECTICIDES.

3. GOIC PERCEIVES TWO OTHER ADVANTAGES TO PLANTING
MORE COFFEE NOW. WHENEVER QUOTAS BECOME EFFECTIVE,
THE IVORY COAST SHOULD RECEIVE A LARGER SHARE. IN
ADDITION, GOIC IS NOW WARY OF PRICES BECOMING TOO HIGH.
THEY BELIEVE DEMAND FOR COFFEE
IS RELATIVELY PRICE INELASTIC , BUT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A
KINK IN THE DEMAND CURVE IF PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE,
REFLECTING A CONSUMER REVOLT AND A SHARP DROP IN
CONSUMPTION.

4. DESPITE NEW POLICY, MAIN THRUST OF CAISSE'S
EFFORTS, TOGETHER WITH BNDA AND SATMACI, REMAINS
INCREASING PRODUCTION OF COCOA.GOIC IS DETERMINED
THAT THE IVORY COAST WILL BECOME THE WORLD'S
NUMBER ONE PRODUCER. STEARNS

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